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SENATE FILE 220
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1079)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 10, 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to expert witness fees.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 622.72, Code 2015, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **622.72 Expert witnesses — fee fees.**

4 Witnesses called to testify ~~only~~ to an opinion founded
5 on special study or experience in any branch of science, or
6 to make scientific or professional examinations and state
7 the result thereof, or for whom a statement is admitted
8 into evidence as a health care provider statement in lieu of
9 testimony pursuant to rule of civil procedure 1.281, shall
10 receive additional ~~compensation~~ fees, to be fixed by the court,
11 with reference to the value of the time employed and the degree
12 of learning or skill required; but such additional ~~compensation~~
13 fees shall not exceed ~~one hundred fifty two thousand five~~
14 hundred dollars ~~per day~~ while so employed. A party seeking
15 approval of expert witness fees under this section shall make
16 an application to the court for a fair, reasonable fee, to be
17 awarded as court costs upon the direction of the court, not to
18 exceed the amount specified in this section.